

# HOUSE BILL 142

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Prerelease Unit – Inmate Aftercare Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to operate a prerelease  
4 unit within the Division of Correction; requiring the Commissioner to develop  
5 certain prerelease services and make the services available to inmates of the  
6 prerelease unit; requiring the warden or administrator or a certain designee to  
7 develop a certain aftercare plan for an inmate before the inmate is released  
8 from the prerelease unit; requiring that an aftercare plan for an inmate include  
9 certain information; authorizing the Division to arrange for a certain person or  
10 governmental unit to provide certain services; authorizing the Commissioner to  
11 contract with certain persons or government authorities to provide certain  
12 services; and generally relating to the establishment of a prerelease unit and  
13 development of inmate aftercare plans.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Correctional Services

16 Section 3–1001 through 3–1004 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10.  
17 Prerelease Unit and Inmate Aftercare Plans”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Correctional Services**

23 **SUBTITLE 10. PRERELEASE UNIT AND INMATE AFTERCARE PLANS.**

24 **3–1001.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **THE COMMISSIONER SHALL OPERATE A PRERELEASE UNIT WITHIN THE**  
2 **DIVISION.**

3 **3-1002.**

4           **THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:**

5                   **(1) DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRERELEASE**  
6 **SERVICES; AND**

7                   **(2) MAKE THESE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO INMATES OF THE**  
8 **PRERELEASE UNIT.**

9 **3-1003.**

10           **(A) BEFORE AN INMATE IS RELEASED FROM THE PRERELEASE UNIT,**  
11 **THE WARDEN OR ADMINISTRATOR OR A DESIGNEE OF THE WARDEN OR**  
12 **ADMINISTRATOR SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AFTERCARE PLAN FOR**  
13 **THE INMATE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND**  
14 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT WILL PROVIDE AFTERCARE SERVICES TO THE**  
15 **INMATE AFTER RELEASE.**

16           **(B) THE AFTERCARE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

17                   **(1) A LIST OF TREATMENT AND SERVICES INITIATED BEFORE THE**  
18 **INMATE'S RELEASE;**

19                   **(2) THE DATE OF THE INMATE'S RELEASE;**

20                   **(3) THE LOCATION OF THE INMATE'S COMMUNITY PLACEMENT;**

21                   **(4) A PLAN FOR CONTINUING TREATMENT; AND**

22                   **(5) A LIST OF REFERRALS FOR SERVICES, INCLUDING:**

23                           **(I) DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES;**

24                           **(II) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES;**

25                           **(III) VOCATIONAL SERVICES; AND**

26                           **(IV) MEDICAL SERVICES OTHER THAN DRUG TREATMENT.**

27 **3-1004.**

1           **(A) BY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT, THE DIVISION MAY**  
2 **ARRANGE FOR A PERSON OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PROVIDE**  
3 **COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRERELEASE SERVICES IN THE PRERELEASE**  
4 **UNIT AND TO PROVIDE INMATE AFTERCARE SERVICES.**

5           **(B) WITH THE SECRETARY'S APPROVAL, THE COMMISSIONER MAY**  
6 **CONTRACT WITH A PERSON OR MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE**  
7 **FOOD, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND PROGRAMS TO INMATES IN THE**  
8 **PRERELEASE UNIT AND IN AFTERCARE SERVICES.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2010.